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LETTER DATED 8 SEPTEMBER FROM THE HYDERABAD GOVERNMENT
TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL

Note by the Secretary-General

The Secretary-General, not being in a position to determine whether he is required by the rules of procedure to circulate this communication, brings it to the attention of the Security Council for such action as the Council may desire to take.

Sir,

This is to confirm the following cable sent to you on 8 September, 1948: "The Government of Hyderabad hereby communicates its decision to become a party to the Statute of the International Court of Justice in conformity with Article 93, paragraph 2, of the Charter stop

On the assumption that the conditions laid down by the General Assembly on 11 December 1946 in the matter of Switzerland are of general application it is willing to accept these conditions of adherence stop Confirmation by airmail follows stop Zahir Ahmed Secretary to the Government of the Nizam of Hyderabad and Berar in the Department of External Affairs."

The above decision of my Government to adhere to the Statute of the International Court of Justice has been taken in order to demonstrate the attachment of Hyderabad to the cause of international justice as well as in order to facilitate the peaceful solution, on the basis of international law, of the difficulties which have arisen between my Government and the Dominion of India, in particular with regard to the interpretation of the Standstill Agreement concluded between the two countries on 29 November, 1947. It is intended, once Hyderabad has become a party to the Statute, to sign, with that object in view, the Optional Clause of Article 36 of the Statute of the International Court of Justice. In view of the gravity of the situation I shall be obliged if you will submit the present application to the Security Council, in conformity with Article 93 (2) of the Charter, as a matter of urgency. This application is made independently of and in addition to the steps which have already been taken by my Government under Article 35 (2)

of the Charter of the United Nations or which may be taken under that article or under other provisions of the Charter.

I am, Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Zahir Ahmed)

Secretary to the Government of the
Nizam of Hyderabad and Berar in the
Department of External Affairs.
